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Game Recap: Women's Basketball | 2/23/2017 10:21:00 PM

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*GS will face Arkansas State on Saturday at 4 p.m.*

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** - The Georgia Southern women's basketball team (11-13, 7-6 SBC) fell to the top-seeded Little Rock Trojans (20-7, 14-1 SBC) inside of the Jack Stephens Center on Thursday evening. The Eagles and Trojans kept the game close up until the fourth quarter when Little Rock went on a 15-1 run within the last eight minutes to close out the game.

Senior guard [Angel McGowan](#) led the team with 21 points, four rebounds, and two steals. [Alexis Sams](#) collected six points, [Sierra Butler](#) scored four and her sister, [Patrice Butler](#) led the team down low with five rebounds.

Sharde' Collins led the Trojans with 24 points, two rebounds and three assists. Kaitlyn Pratt contributed 17 points, and Ronjanae DeGray scored 12. Pratt and Kyra Collier led the team from down low with nine rebounds a piece.

## **THE STORY**

Georgia Southern and Little Rock kept things close throughout the first half, heading into halftime with the Trojans leading 24-23. GS held Little Rock to a 35.7% shooting percentage in the second quarter and forced 7 turnovers within the first twenty minutes.

The fourth quarter allowed Little Rock to power through and finish out the game, when they went on a 15-1 scoring run within the final eight minutes. The one point in the final portion of the game was off of a foul by Little Rock, who forced 19 turnovers on the Eagles and finished the game with 22 of their points off of turnovers.

## **QUOTABLES FROM HEAD COACH KIP DROWN**

"I thought they turned up the heater on defense in that last eight minutes. When they did that earlier, we were able to attack but they really shut us down. They had good looks, we didn't get good enough looks and that really put them up coming down the stretch"

"In the first half we did exactly what we wanted to do. They had 24 at the half and only 14 of those were in their offense. So we did some good things there and settled in a little bit and started attacking off the dribble. Angel did a really great job at making decisions off the basketball and stepped up tonight, but they're a great basketball team. They have the best defense in the conference and played like it, we saw why they're the top team in the conference coming down the stretch."

"We are about to head down to Jonesboro and have a good practice tomorrow. We're going to cover some things and get ready for Arkansas State. They're a great tradition program and they always have a tough place to go and play, so we're looking forward to the opportunity to get to go play them."

## **NEXT UP**

Georgia Southern will continue their Arkansas road swing on Saturday when they travel to Jonesboro to face off against Arkansas State. The Eagles and Red Wolves will tip off at 4 p.m. EST on Saturday.

*The 2017 Sun Belt Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Championships are scheduled for a week of March Madness in the Big Easy. New Orleans will once again be home to the two championships that will take place at Lakefront Arena from March 7-12 and ticket books can now be purchased from your our ticket office. For more information, visit the Sun Belt Conference's championship central websites - [Men's Championship](#) – [Women's Championship](#) – and be sure to follow the [@FunBelt](#) on social media - [@SunBelt](#).*

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